

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic candle comprising an open ended housing body with at least one battery compartment configured for containing at least one battery therein, each of said  
5 batteries having respective positive and negative terminals on the opposite ends thereof; wherein said battery compartment is provided with conductive end plates, with said batteries being in electrical contact with one of said plates and wherein said electronic candle comprises means for causing batteries,  
10 contained in the battery compartment, to move into electrical contact with the other of said plates to complete a circuit and out of said contact to break the circuit; said candle further comprising a light source, having candle flicker emulation circuitry electrically powered by such completed  
15 circuit to provide light from the electric candle.

2. The electronic candle of claim 1, wherein the housing of cylindrical candle comprises a candle emulating form.

3. The electronic candle of claim 1 wherein said housing supports said light source and wherein translucent decorative  
20 enclosure means are integrated with the housing body to enclose the light source therewithin.

4. The electronic candle of claim 1, wherein said electronic candle comprises lockable means for preventing removal of said plates from said housing thereby blocking  
25 access to said batteries for removal.

5. The electronic candle of claim 1 wherein said candle comprises indicia displaying means for removably displaying printed indicia through a removable transparent protective element.

30 6. The electronic candle of claim 1 wherein said candle further comprises openable receptacle means for enclosed placement of mementos.

7. The electronic candle of claim 1, wherein at least one of said plates comprises means for ensuring proper terminal  
35 placement of said batteries.

8. The electronic candle of claim 7, wherein said positive terminal of the battery comprises an extending nipple member and said negative terminal comprises a substantially flat element and wherein said means for ensuring proper  
5 terminal placement of said batteries comprise protrusion elements integrated with one of said plates and positioned offset from contact with a battery nipple member, said protrusion having an extension distance less than that of said nipple member, whereby said positive terminal is able to make  
10 conductive contact with said plate having said protrusion elements and said negative terminal is not able to make such conductive contact.